Two "parks" in close proximity to one another reflect the juxtaposition of rural and urban landscapes in our midst: McDowell Mountain Regional Park and Scottsdale Airpark.

Scottsdale Airpark is the greatest economic engine in the East Valley. Next to downtown Phoenix, it has the largest concentration of executive jobs. The airpark provides sustainable growth because of the high quality businesses it attracts, ranging from offices to restaurants to retail. And the economic impact spills over into the areas surrounding the airpark. To cap all these assets, my wife's favorite furniture store is there.

A puddle jump away from the airpark is McDowell Mountain Regional Park, one of the largest of the ten parks in the Maricopa County system. Over 21,000 acres with over 50 miles of multi-use trails and spectacular views of surrounding mountain ranges beckon visitors for camping, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking and star gazing. It is not uncommon for rabbits, deer, javelinas, coyotes and birds to cross your path.

Birds soaring over McDowell Mountain Regional Park parallel the planes soaring over Scottsdale Airpark. Each park, the rural and the urban, offers outstanding amenities.

